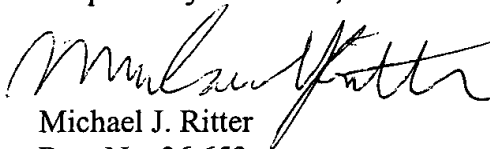


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 3-12, 17-21 and 23-32 are pending in this application. Claims 1-2, 13-16, 22, and 33-34 have been canceled without disclaiming the subject matter therein. Applicant reserves all right to pursue these or other claims in a continuing application.

Claims 3, 6, 9, 11-12, 23, 26, 29, 31, and 32 were objected to and have been amended to put them in condition for allowance. It is believed all the pending claims are allowable. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8693.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Ritter", is written over the typed name and registration number.

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